

Cosmic Views

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Welcome, 2008!

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We get some indication of what a coming year holds in store by the major cycles of the outer planets leading up to and affecting that year. In the summer of 2001—August, to be exact, the main outer planet indicator was the opposition of Saturn and Pluto which occurred right on the ascendant of the United States chart. It was the event of 9/11 that convinced me that the Sibly chart for the US was the correct one. No other chart has come close to indicating the catastrophic and far-reaching implications of that turn in our history and also worked for other major US events. That opposition, however, affects the whole world, not just us, and 9/11 did, indeed, end up affecting the whole world and brought focus to religious fanaticism.

In 2006 and into early 2007, the major aspect revealing potential for 2007 was Saturn opposing Neptune, which indicated that the whole world would have a “reality check.” Neptune is illusion and Saturn is “conflict, pain and doubt” as well as “reality.” An opposition is “awareness.” We began to doubt our illusions—like houses would cost more and more forever. Or that the Iraq war would end, and why we went into it in the first place.

The aspects for 2008 are much more positive, and so I welcome its approach. The major aspects and indicators are:

Saturn trine Pluto (already partile—i.e. been exact—in August just past) although not repeating in 2008, it does come in close range to almost doing so in March and April. It is in orb, and therefore active, from late January through July. This is a highly perceptive, disciplined and hard-working aspect with a positive spin. Things get done, solutions are found—if handled wisely, and there is no nonsense.

Saturn opposite Uranus, which, although an opposition, is not nearly as difficult as the opposition to Pluto. Saturn, already defined as conflict, pain, doubt *and* “reality,” (in quotes because that is a matter of perception) is also conservative attitudes, the past, and caution. Uranus is radical, out-of-the-box thinking, inventiveness and risk. We *could* see this as a conflict between the “old” and “new.” However, Jupiter is going to be the moderator, and since it is trine Saturn and sextile Uranus most of the year—at least by sign—then we can expect good judgment from those who have the power to make decisions. I see this opposition as the struggle between conservative and liberal ideas, but with Jupiter in the conservative sign of Capricorn, even liberal ideas would not be all that radical this year.

Leo and Aquarius are highlighted this coming year because the Moon's nodes are in those signs and therefore, so are the eclipses—except the one on February 20th which will be at 1 Virgo. If you have planets or mathematical points in your chart within 5 degrees of 17 Aquarius, 1 Virgo, 9 Leo or 24 Aquarius (or challenging aspects to those degrees) you will be most affected by these. The eclipse dates are Feb. 6th and 20th and August 1st and 16th. They set up an energy lasting at least a year, but sometimes for many years depending on the other energies involved.

Important sign changes will occur in 2008. It is always a major historical turning point when Pluto changes signs. The last time was 1995, ushering in a period of excess in many, many ways. We saw such extremes in power wielding, wealth dichotomies and radical religious fervor—as well as scandals and unsavory revelations (all typical of Pluto and Sagittarius) in those years since 1995, it will be a relief to see some “reality checks” in these areas as Pluto enters Capricorn. That sign has many qualities in common with Saturn, its ruler. Pluto goes into Capricorn on January 26, 2008, retros back into Sagittarius on June 14th and then finally goes back into Capricorn November 27, 2008 where it stays until 2024. We will still see residual fallout from the Sagittarian sojourn most of the year.

America was born when Pluto was in Capricorn, and this is the first time it has returned to that sign since then. What was happening in the world prior to the time our forefathers penned the Declaration of Independence? It was late in the Pluto-in-Capricorn cycle at that time, and we can learn a lot from the historical events of the two decades before that. History repeats itself, and we can have a pretty good idea of what lies ahead by studying the world events from that era.

Jupiter's entrance into Capricorn as of December 18, 2007 is auspicious in that it is in a complementary sign with most of the other outer planets during 2008. It will only be in that sign for a year, however, and will mostly be favoring Saturn and Uranus. That is very good, in my opinion, since it makes it easier to find equitable solutions in many areas.

Neptune seems to be the odd man out, not forming major long-lasting aspects with the other outer players. However, it is in mutual reception with Uranus, which I may have mentioned when Uranus entered Pisces some time ago. That means that Neptune is in the sign Uranus rules, and Uranus is in the sign Neptune rules. My teacher used to say that it qualifies as an honorary trine. Much spiritual awakening can occur during these years—a little less than a decade.

In her book, *Path of Empowerment*, Barbara Marciniak quotes the Pleiadians as saying that we have been on an accelerated spiritual awareness path since the harmonic convergence of 1987 until December 2012 when the Mayan calendar (and the indications in the Great Pyramid) end. Some years will be more difficult than others, but by understanding the meanings of the outer planets' interactions, you can plan ahead to use this time for your own spiritually oriented path. It all works together for good, and fear is the enemy.

Benazir Bhutto

After much discussion and speculation about Benazir Bhutto's time of birth, it was apparently put to rest by this message:

“This time of 7:32 Pm was posted by me in Political Astrology Group. This data was used by my two Gurus Dr Mohammad Ayub Taji aand Dr Ijaz hussain Butt and many other prominent Astrologers from Paaakisstaan since 1988 and it was actually passed by one of her family member to my teacher Dr Mohammad Ayub Taji. I also used this data for many succesful predictions. ~ Amer Abbas Shah”

The chart using this time is quite startling relative to her assassination. It looks as if she may have deliberately (consciously or unconsciously) martyred herself. The progressed Moon is only 2 minutes separating from progressed Neptune, and less than a degree from natal Neptune. She was born with a Moon/Neptune/Saturn conjunction in Libra in the tenth house. The month before, the progressed Moon was conjoining natal Saturn and at this date was fast approaching progressed Saturn. Saturn rules the chart since Capricorn is rising. A configuration like that is what one would expect of a political martyr.

Obviously Pluto was about to oppose her Sun in the last degree of Gemini, but in addition to that, the Sun rules the 8th (death) and natal Pluto was in the 8th. When predicting transits, we always bring its natal position to the transit to help interpret the meaning of the energy. Also, it is important to note that her progressed Sun was roughly around the midpoint of her natal Pluto and progressed Pluto, all in the 8th house. And the transiting Moon was conjoining natal Pluto almost exactly!

Jupiter had just entered her 8th house (by Koch system) by solar arc only four months earlier—just before she returned from exile. It was approaching a quincunx to her 2 degree Capricorn ascendant. A quincunx often brings a “separation” of some kind. I’ve often seen it active at the time someone leaves home or separates from a relationship. In this case, Jupiter was just inside the 8th house, and rules the 12th. The 12th is our past life intentions, for one thing, but also our spiritual beliefs that are often unconscious. With its association with Pisces, it can relate to martyrdom, as well. We can also interpret this as “separating from exile” too, since the 12th house is “hidden.” We always look for a *transit* of the planet holding the solar arc or progression to set up the event. Jupiter was transiting the ascendant that day, and Mars (violence) was retrograding just past opposing the ascendant, which triggered the event.

To further show that this was a pre-arranged “separation” (whether consciously intentional or not) the solar arc ascendant (and the ascendant is the body, by the way) was just separating from a quincunx to Mercury, which rules her sixth (service and “job”) and ninth (religion, politics, community). Literally, her body was “separating” from her public, political service.

In short, I don’t think this event could have been avoided. There are similar themes in the charts of Lincoln, Ghandi and John Kennedy.



I’ve added a couple more paintings to the “inspired art” portion of my website. My dream is to retire just writing articles about astrology and painting interpretations of people’s charts. (Plus, putter in the garden.) It looks like that

dream is coming true as more and more people order their own paintings. Right now they are relatively inexpensive, but as with all things, they will sharply escalate in price as demand increases.

This newsletter is supposed to be a quarterly, but I made it a monthly over the last couple years because of the intensity of the configurations coming into alignment. Now I might go to a bi-monthly format, but would appreciate input as to whether or not you, the reader, prefer that.

Other than that, have a Happy New Year and most prosperous 2008.

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